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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 27th March 2026

Cauvery Ayurveda Hospital opens new OPD facility

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (KS) - Cauvery Ayurveda Hospital, Mysuru, has opened its new Out-Patient Department (OPD) facility opposite JSS Hospital on M.G. Road in city.

The new OPD facility was inaugurated on Mar. 23 by Cauvery Group of Institutions Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekhar in the presence of Senior Gynaecologist of Cauvery Multispeciality Hospital Dr. Prabhakar Naik, Director Dr. N. Krishnaprasad, Principal Dr. Ramachandra Nisargi and Medical Superintendent of Cauvery Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital Dr. Poornima Krishnamurthy.

The OPD provides consultations from specialists from the Departments of Kayachikitsa (Internal Medicine), Panchakarma, Shalya (Surgery), Shalakya (Ophthalmology and ENT), Prasooti and Stree Roga (Obstetrics and Gynaecology), Kaumarabrithya (Paediatrics) and Swasthya Rakshana (Preventive and Social Medicine), Yoga, Dietetics and Nutrition.

This Centre also serves as a Polyclinic with well-equipped diagnostic centre with Laboratory, Radiology and Sonology facilities.

Procedures such as Bronchoscopy, Endoscopy and Colonoscopy are also available at the new OPD facility, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

RAM NAVAMI - LOOK BEYOND IDENTITIES, REDISCOVER PURPOSE: ***Ram Navami, the auspicious appearance day of Sri Ram, is not only a celebration of a divine birth but also a reminder of a way of living rooted in dharm, courage and surrender.***

Rama says that if even once a devotee offers himself in surrender, saying, "O Ram, I am yours. I am your servant; I want to live by your instructions. I want to remember you always," then such a person is accepted by Ram completely.

He assures that when someone surrenders and prays with sincerity, he grants them fearlessness. This is his vow. In the material world, we constantly face challenges and fearful situations. And ultimately, we all must face death alone. It is a deeply personal, individual experience. No one accompanies us at that moment. Therefore, we must learn to become fearless. This assurance from Ram becomes our shelter. If we remember his pastimes, his lila, his message and his extraordinary character as the ideal for human life, then gradually our consciousness becomes filled with Ram and he protects us under all circumstances...

After we are born, grow up and as we become older, more intelligent and mature, we set out with our army of senses, mind and intellect to pursue our own intent to Lord over the world..

To think that 'the senses are mine for my pleasure' is ignorance. To understand that everything belongs to the Lord, that is true knowledge. Scriptures teach that the Lord is the ultimate owner of everything, from the smallest to the greatest. When we live in service, we live in surrender. And in that surrender, we find our ultimate refuge.

Ram Navami, therefore, is more than a festival. It is a reminder to look beyond temporary identities and rediscover a deeper connection with purpose and responsibility. *— Chanchalapathi Dasa in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Longest line of cheesesteaks breaks record

Philadelphia: Philadelphia International Airport celebrated National Cheesesteak Day by breaking the Guinness World Record (GWR) for the longest line of cheesesteaks.

Airport eateries from PHL Food & Shops teamed up with the City of Philadelphia Department of Aviation to assemble 1,291 cheesesteaks on the concourse between Terminals B and C on Tuesday.

The sandwiches were made from 225 pounds of cheese sauce, 990 pounds of shaved beef and 1,291 foot-long rolls. A Guinness World Records adjudicator was on hand to confirm the snaking line of sandwich was enough to create a new record.

Kate Sullivan, Chief Commercial Officer, Department of Aviation, said "Cooking and assembling the longest cheesesteaks will be among many moments in Philadelphia this year. Congratulations and thanks to all the cheesesteak restaurants that collaborated on this record accomplishment. And thanks to GWR for acknowledging this achievement."

The world's narrowest house

Aucallama: The district of Aucallama, in Huaral, northern Peru, is home to the world's narrowest fully-functional house, which measures just 63 centimetres in width.

Designed and owned by Fabio Moreno, the slim house of Aucallama aims to convey the idea that happiness doesn't depend on the size of a house, but rather on making the most of the space you have available. Its narrow frame and bright colours has attracted thousands of visitors and it will become a popular tourist attraction.

Located right across the main square of Aucallama, the narrowest house can be visited by curious passers-by, but the narrow space makes it difficult for two or more people to check out its interior, due to its size.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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Elected to Mayanna Garadi

Mysuru, Mar. 27- **Pailwan R. Ramesh,** son of Pailwan Rudra, has been elected as the President of Mayannanavara Hathu Janagala Garadi Trust, Mysuru, at the Executive Committee meeting held recently. Meanwhile, Koli Angadi Somanna was elected as Hon. President, Pailwan P. Umesh (Vice-President), M.S. Suresh Kumar (General Secretary), P. Yogesh (Assistant Secretary), former Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, former Corporator K. Mahadev, K.B.S. Swamy, V. Manjunath and G. Manjunath (Dharmadarshis).

Disruption in power supply

Mysuru, Mar. 27- As Public Works Department (PWD) is undertaking road widening works from Duddagere Gate to Lakshmipura (Megalapura IP and Duddagere-NJY Feeders) coming under 66/11 KV Megalapura Power Distribution Centre, there will be disruption in power supply today and on Mar. 29 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Duddagere, Mahadevi Colony, Lakshmipura and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

WATER LEVEL

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Last year's level **106.09 feet**	Last year's level **2,270.30 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.26 feet**
Yesterday's level **106.71 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,266.96 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.93 feet**
Today's Inflow **117 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **82 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **234 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,347 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The highest mountain in India is Kangchenjunga, standing at 8,598m (28,209 ft), which it shares with Nepal. Kangchenjunga is the third highest mountain in the world.***
- ***Chail in Himachal Pradesh has the world's highest cricket ground situated at 24,144 metres above sea level.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Yesterday, I booked a private taxi for airport. When I arrived at my destination, the driver gave me his business card for future bookings. Dr. Ramanand Tripathi, PhD. Wow! I was surprised and quizzed him, *"Why are you driving a taxi with such high qualification?"* ***He replied,*** *"Dr. is the short form of Driver!'*

"Then what about your PhD?"

"I am a Privately-hired Driver."

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- Former MUDA Commissioner leases prime building in Vijayanagar for paltry sum
- Cites 'free internet to public' claim to justify token rent mobile tower deal

The mobile tower** (circled red) **atop MUDA's Vijayanagar First Stage commercial complex that has been rented out for just Rs. 265 a month.

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (BLU&BCT)- The controversy surrounding former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar has deepened with a fresh revelation.

It has now emerged that he permitted a private firm to install a mobile tower atop MUDA's Vijayanagar First Stage commercial complex for a monthly rent of just Rs. 265.

The beleaguered officer has already spent time in jail and faces mounting legal troubles over the alleged irregularities in the allotment of prime MUDA sites worth thousands of crores under the controversial 50:50 ratio.

The latest disclosure is likely to add to his woes.

The approval, granted for 10 years, permitted the mobile company to erect a 9-metre-high tower supported by four poles. The order, dated May 20, 2024, was issued to a Bengaluru-based firm located in Rajajinagar.

However, sources said the tower had already been installed and operational for nearly two years before the permission was formally recorded.

The deal has raised eyebrows as telecom companies typically pay between Rs. 25,000 and Rs. 1 lakh per month to property owners in residential areas of Mysuru for installing mobile towers, often along with substantial advance payments.

(See TOWER on page 13)

'Order will be cancelled'

Rakshith

Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) Commissioner K.R. Rakshith has said that the controversial order permitting a private company to install a mobile tower atop MUDA's Vijayanagar First Stage commercial complex for a monthly rent of just Rs. 265 will be cancelled immediately.

He said the approval, granted during the erstwhile MUDA's tenure for a 10-year period, is now under review. However, the file related to the tower installation is reportedly missing. Despite extensive searches, officials have so far traced only a photo of the order that was sent to a mobile phone. "An inquiry is underway and this order will be cancelled immediately," Rakshith said, indicating that the Authority will move to revoke the approval.

Do not panic buy fuel, appeal petroleum dealers

'Petrol, diesel supplies normal in Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar'

President of Federation of Mysore Petroleum Traders Shashikala Nagaraj addressing a press conference in city this morning as** (from left) **Executive Committee Member Bhagawan, BPCL Dealers' Association President Lokesh, IndianOil Dealers' Association President Ranjith Hegde, Federation State President Basavegowda and Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Dealers' Association President Manoj Kumar look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (GA&BCT)- Amid rumours of a possible petrol shortage and reports of anxiety among motorists, the Federation of Mysore Petroleum Traders has assured residents of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar that petrol and diesel supplies remain stable across the region and dismissed rumours of scarcity.

Addressing a press conference at Patrakarthara Bhavan this morning, Federation President Shashikala Nagaraj said petroleum products are readily available across the Federation's jurisdiction. She noted that the Federation operates more than 350 petrol pumps in Mysuru alone and none of them has reported any shortage of stocks.

(See FUEL on page 13)

Intl. Women's Day Special...

To commemorate International Women's Day and to celebrate women from different fields, *Star of Mysore* is publishing special articles during the month.

Today *SOM* features lady auto drivers, who are confidently re-writing their own stories with grit, resilience and courage to take charge of their lives. **—Ed** **[Turn to page 8]**

University of Mysore presents Rs. 53 crore deficit budget

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (PM&DM)- The over a Century old University of Mysore (UoM), which is facing a cash crunch, presented a deficit budget (2026-27) of Rs. 53.76 crore yesterday.

The UoM Acting Finance Officer Prof. Manjunath presented the Budget at the special Academic Council meeting of the University at Crawford Hall here yesterday. The meeting was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath chairing the University of Mysore (UoM) Budget (2026-27) presentation and Special Academic Council meeting at Crawford Hall in city yesterday as UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha and other University officials and Academic Council members look on.

Revenue: Rs. 384.28 crore
Expenditure: Rs. 438.04 crore

Presenting the Budget Prof. Manjunath said, "The University expects a revenue of Rs.384.28 crore (barring endowment funds), while the expenses is at Rs. 438.04 crore, resulting in a deficit budget of Rs. 53.76 crore. The University had sent a proposal to the Government seeking Rs. 171.45 crore towards pension of employees. Subsequently, the Government released Rs. 100 crore and the University faced a deficit of Rs. 71.45 crore on this account."

Continuing, he said, "The State Government has sanctioned Rs. 222.48 crore as salaries for permanent employees and pension for retired staff. This apart, the University has expected the release of Rs. 10 crore funds for development and Rs.6 crore for facilities to be extended to SC/ST community students, resulting in a collective sanction of Rs. 238.57 crore from the Government."

Pointing out that the University has estimated Rs.122.48 crore for payment of wages to permanent staff (Teaching-200 and Non-Teaching-400), Prof. Manjunath said that the payment will be credited directly from K-2 account through HRMS portal.

"Currently 1,864 pensioners/ pensioner families are receiving monthly pension. The number of pensioners will touch 1,906 this year (2026-27), with 42 staff (18 Teaching and 24 Non-Teaching) set to retire in the current year. As such, the University sent a proposal to the Government for Rs. 171.45 crore and subsequently, the Government released Rs. 100 crore," he noted.

Sources of Revenue

Explaining the sources of revenue, Prof. Manjunath said the University expects an income of Rs. 108.75 crore through admissions, registrations, affiliation of colleges, exam fees etc. Considering wage allowances, general administrative expenses and other anticipated non-plan expenditures, a budgetary allocation of Rs. 108.54 crore has been made, he pointed out.

No courses or departments closed

Prof. Lokanath clarified that no courses or departments in the University have been shut down. However, there has been a decline in admission to certain courses run by the University, he noted.

Yuvaraja College autonomous status withdrawn

"Following a request by the teaching staff of Yuvaraja's College, the University has withdrawn the autonomous status granted to it. The University Grants Commission (UGC) had sanctioned Rs. 1.06 crore to Yuvaraja's College in 2017 under the Centre of Excellence Plan. However, the College is yet to give accounts regarding utilisation of this money. This apart, no Audit of the College accounts has been done since 2020," Prof. Lokanath said.

Pension money

Replying to a point raised by an Academic Council member, Prof. Lokanath admitted that there was less fiscal discipline in Mysore Varsity when compared to Bangalore University. Pointing out that in Bangalore University, a fixed amount is reserved for pensions every year, the VC said, however, this is not being done in Mysore University. The Government used to sanction money for pensions till 2019, he pointed out, lamenting that the Varsity failed in reserving money for pensions when it was financially stable several years ago.

Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. Nagaraj said there was a proposal for giving another chance to students who have not completed their BA, B.Sc and B.Com degrees between 2004 and 2019 and added that the University has decided to give a last chance for failed students to complete their degree courses.

Approval for various Endowment funds

The budget meeting highlighted the restriction on printing hard copies of marks cards. The meeting accorded approval for establishment of various new endowment funds for awarding medals and prizes for rank students in various subjects. The meeting also thanked the Government for release of Rs. 100 crore for pension.

University Registrar M.K. Savitha, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre Director Prof. J. Somashekar and others were present.

City celebrates Rama Navami

Devotees being distributed rice bath, kesari bath, kosambari and panaka as part of Rama Navami celebrations in city this morning.

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (MTY&VNS)- The chants of 'Jai Sri Ram' echoed in various parts of the city on the occasion of Rama Navami celebrations this morning.

People thronged various Anjaneyaswamy Temples and Sri Rama Mandiras across the city and took part in the celebrations. Special pujas were offered at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and Sri Rama Temple in front of Mysore Palace North Gate, Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple on Irwin Road, Prasanna Veeranjaneyaswamy Temple at Kuvempunagar, Jayadevanjaneyaswamy Temple on D.D. Urs Road, Patala Anjaneyaswamy Temple on M.G. Road, Sri Rama Mandiras at Jayanagar, Krishnamurthypuram, Narayana Shastry Road and other locations across the city.

Pandals were erected across the city where portraits of Lord Rama were installed and offered special pujas before distributing *panaka*, butter milk, kosambari, rice bath, kesari bath and curd rice among the devotees and general public.

Celebrations were also witnessed at autorickshaw stands across the city were auto drivers distributed juice, kosambari and butter milk to the public.

A group of youths had also erected a pandal near Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry with the portrait of Sri Rama and distributed food to around 2000 devotees.

SSLC exam postponed

Now Hindi exam to be held on Mar. 31 as Govt. declares Mar. 30 as public holiday for Mahaveer Jayanti

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (MTY &DM)- The third language SSLC paper (Hindi) which was scheduled to take place on Mar. 30 has been postponed by a day. The exam will now be held on Mar. 31.

This change was necessitated after the Karnataka Government declared Mar. 30 as a public holiday on account of Mahaveer Jayanti, instead of the earlier announced date of Mar. 31.

However, the Maths paper will be held on Mar. 28 as per earlier schedule, according to DDPI Uday Kumar. However, there is no change in the exam hours (10 am to 1.15 pm) of third language paper to now take place on Mar. 31.

VOICE OF THE READER

MCC must urgently trim dangerous tree branches

The coconut tree which fell on a house on Ramanuja Road in city yesterday afternoon.

Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention that a tree has fallen in our area (Ramanuja Road 16th Cross) either this morning or during the night, which has raised serious safety concerns among residents.

This incident indicates that several old and weak tree branches in the locality may pose a risk to people and animals.

With the upcoming rainy season, there is a higher chance of branches breaking or trees falling due to strong winds and heavy rainfall, which could lead to accidents or property damage.

I request the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities and the department concerned to conduct an inspection and take necessary action to trim or remove dangerous tree branches at the earliest. Preventive measures at this stage can help avoid major risks in the near future.

—Sandhya

Ramanuja Road

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NOTE: *An old and grown-up coconut tree got uprooted and fell on a house on Ramanuja Road 14th Cross yesterday afternoon, damaging the iron grills on the terrace. Fortunately, no inmates of the house were injured. Will the MCC wake up and issue strict orders to remove such dangerously tilted coconut trees in residential areas across the city and avert any untoward incidents before the rainy season?* **—Ed**

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There are many research reports available on IB public website **(www.ibo.org)** which clearly provide data about IB outcomes and highlight the fact that IB does not prepare students just for exams-but prepares them for life beyond school. For example, a study on college achievement in the United States showed that IB students have higher college enrolment rates (74%) compared to national average (64%). Another study in UK conducted by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) in partnership with the IB, highlights the fact that IB students are 57% more likely to enter top universities. A 2019 IB global research survey found that 81% of IB graduates feel better prepared for university and careers.

In this VUCA world which is shaped by AI, rapid technological change, interconnected economies and unpredictable non-linear career paths, content becomes outdated quickly and hence the essential survival skills are critical thinking, research and problem solving, communication and collaboration, self-management and reflection.

Why Mysuru needs IB? As start-up arena in Mysuru continues to flourish, along with its close ties to Bengaluru and growing global exposure, the city is slowly evolving from a cultural city to a knowledge and innovation hub. But it is crucial to realize that entrepreneurship does not begin in offices-it actually begins in classrooms.

As entrepreneurship demands curiosity and creativity, an IB class promotes this by encouraging students to ask the right questions and explore innovative solutions/ perspectives through the inquiry cycle of trying, failing and learning. IB Students also take time to reflect on their learnings to ensure that they are always on the path of improvement.

As a parent, ask yourself a simple question "Are we preparing students for exams, or for life?" and the answer will confirm that future belongs to those who choose not just to learn, but to think, create and lead. We need thinkers not memorizers, problem solvers not answer-reproducers, innovators and not just followers and IB education is uniquely positioned to create such individuals.

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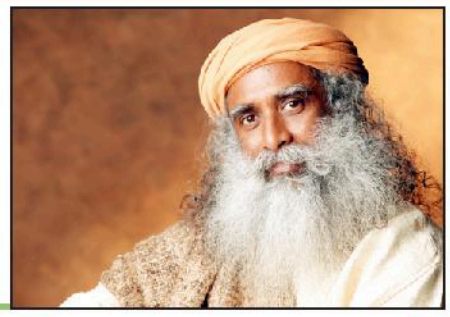

Begging: A Way to the Beyond

What does it mean to be spiritual? It does not mean you go to the temple and pray. That is not spirituality — that is highly materialistic. If the gods come down and openly tell you that they are not willing to meet any of your materialistic needs, most people will not have anything to do with them. You believe your gods will bring good luck, good money, good health and success — that is the reason most people go to the temple.

Wanting to go to heaven is not spirituality. Heaven means whatever pleasures and luxuries that you know here, are eternally available there, a hundred-fold more. So wanting to go to heaven is a highly materialistic desire.

Right now, because you perceive everything within the limitations of the five sense organs, your whole experience of life is only of the physical. Spirituality means to seek that which is beyond the physical, whatever that may be. If you want to seek that which is beyond the physical, there is no need to deny the physical, but it is very important that you are willing to go beyond the physical.

Generally, when one settles down into family situations, the physical becomes very important. Making the physical body comfortable and pampering it — eating well and dressing well — becomes extremely important. Once the physical body acquires such an importance within you, once you get deeply attached to the physical, you will not make any attempt to transcend the physical. The need, the very urge will go away within you. You will start catering to enhancing the physical. You will not seek what is beyond the physical.

In yoga, we use many methods to help a person look beyond the physical limitations of who he is right now. One of the methods is to become a *parivrajaka* or a wandering monk.

When you are assured that your next meal is at 8 o'clock, life is one way. When you do not know where your next meal is, life is very different. When you have it, food is such a simple thing; but when you do not have it, it is a very big issue. You do not know what it takes to be hungry to a point where you could break and to still walk with dignity and in awareness. It takes tremendous strength for a man to do that.

In this country, begging is not considered a disgrace. Some of the greatest people, people who are revered and worshipped in this country were all beggars, so we are not ashamed of being beggars. We see begging as a tool to enhance our own quality and to go beyond our own limitations.

It is good for everyone on the spiritual path to go totally without any support for some time. Many fundamental realities in your life may be missed when your belly is full. Hunger is the time when you really become the body. When you are hungry, if you can see, "I am not the body" — that would be wonderful. When the stomach is full if you say, "I am not the body, I am not the body" — that isn't it. When you are hungry, you are really the body, isn't it? At that time if you can maintain your awareness and still walk with dignity, you become something else.

Gautama said, "When you are really very hungry, if you give away your food to someone else, you will become stronger." It is so. This is hard to understand for a logical mind. They always told you, "No, no, every day you must put in so many calories, so much protein, so much mineral, only then you will be strong." It is not so. When you are badly in need of food and you give away your food, you become much stronger. Another kind of strength enters you that food can never give you.

[Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]

Losar Musical Night at Bylakuppe

'Yaari and Yaadein' held in memory of singer Prashant Tamang

Bylakuppe, Mar. 27 (BRR)- An evening of music, memories and deep emotion unfolded at the Tibetan Settlement in Bylakuppe recently as friends, fans and fellow musicians gathered for Losar Musical Night 'Yaari and Yaadein,' a tribute concert held in loving memory of the late singer Prashant Tamang. The concert drew a large crowd who came together to celebrate his life and legacy.

Prashant Tamang

Prashant Tamang (4 January 1983 - 11 January 2026), a singer and film actor based in Kathmandu, was the winner of Indian Idol Season 3 in 2007.

The musical evening was organised by Tenzin Choedar, a close friend of Prashant Tamang. Speaking at the event, Tenzin shared that the concert was not just a tribute, but 'a celebration of friendship, music and the unforgettable memories Prashant left behind.'

What made the evening especially moving was that every artiste who performed shared a personal bond with Prashant Tamang. The stage became a space not only for music but also for shared stories, laughter and moments of silence in remembrance.

Among the prominent performers was Amit Paul, the first runner-up of Indian Idol, whose emotional renditions touched the hearts of the audience. He reminisced about their journey together during the competition and the deep camaraderie they shared.

Fellow Season 3 finalists Abhishek Kumar, Parleen Singh Gill and Puja Chatterjee also graced the stage, each dedicating performances to their dear friend. Their collective presence symbolised the enduring bond formed during their time on the iconic reality show.

The popular band Mountain Souls delivered powerful live performances that energised the crowd, while Karma Sherpa, known for his appearance on SaReGaMaPa, mesmerised the audience with soulful melodies.

Yaari and Yaadein was a testament to enduring friendship and the lasting impact of music. The evening reaffirmed that while Prashant Tamang may no longer be physically present, his voice, spirit and legacy continue to inspire countless admirers.

Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana National, State and Regional Presidents visit Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 27- Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) National President Goutham Bafna, Karnataka State President Kishore Roonwal, State Secretary Sharmila Mehta, along with Anita Kothari and Sunil Lodha, Regional President Suresh Kanunga and Regional Secretary Ashish Bhansali visited Mysuru recently.

On the occasion, a special programme was organised under the leadership of Rajan Baghmar, President of BJS Mysuru Chapter, to felicitate the National, State and Regional office-bearers.

The programme began with a collective *Mangalacharan*. Rajan Baghmar introduced the dignitaries on the dais.

In his address, National Vice-President Goutham Bafna appreciated the Mysuru BJS team for its dedication and for carrying out several important social welfare activities.

He highlighted the special initiatives undertaken for the development and empowerment of girls in the community.

During an interaction session, several girls shared that the programmes conducted by BJS have brought significant positive changes in their lives.

He also mentioned that in recent years BJS Mysuru has undertaken projects in villages of Mysuru district by excavating dried ponds for rainwater harvesting, helping farmers with irrigation and ensuring water availability for wildlife.

Large-scale tree plantation drives have also been carried out for environmental protection.

Seminars for youths were organised to provide practical guidance related to employment and career opportunities.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, hardworking women were identified and honoured to encourage and boost their morale.

During the event, the National, State and Regional office-bearers invited the Mysuru BJS family to participate with their families in the Karnataka State Convention-2026 to be held in Bengaluru on Apr.5 (Sunday) by presenting the official invitation to Mysuru BJS President Rajan Baghmar and Women's Wing President Sharmila Dhoka.

On this occasion, Vice-Presidents Amit Chouhan, Nemichand Barola and Kushal Palrecha, Secretaries Rajendra Desharla and Navratan Pitliya, Treasurer Manohar Sankala, past Presidents Vimal Pitliya, Praveen Lunkar and Prakash Srisrimaal, Women's Wing Secretary Seema Bohra, along with a large number of members, were present.

Tuberculosis awareness rally

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (BLU&KS) - The District Health and Family Welfare Department, along with the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, District Tuberculosis Control Centre and National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), as part of World Tuberculosis Day had organised a Tuberculosis (TB) awareness rally in city recently.

The awareness rally was flagged off from the Office of the District Health Officer (DHO) by the Health and Family Welfare Department Divisional Joint Director Dr. Prakash Puranik.

The rally, comprising students and staff, holding placards, which began from the DHO Office passed through SP Office Circle and returned to the DHO Office premises.

Later, at the programme organised at Arogya Bhavan, nutrition food kits were distributed to children affected with TB and certificates were distributed to TB-free Gram Panchayats.

District Health Officer Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District TB Control Officer Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, Dr. Nayana from JSS College and others were present.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

For these women auto drivers in Mysuru, every ride is a step towards independence and dignity. Their stories reveal how determination can turn hardship into opportunity.

In the DRIVER'S SEAT of life

LADY AUTO DRIVERS OF NAMMA MYSURU (from left): ***Anitha, S. Sowmya, M. Geetha, S. Nagaveni and N. Shobha.***

58 Lady Auto Drivers in Mysuru

Mysuru has around 12,000 to 13,000 autorickshaw drivers, but only 58 of them are women. Two decades ago, just a handful, including Sakamma, Chhaya, 'Auto Rani' Sowmya and Mariyamma, were seen behind the wheel. Today, more women are stepping forward with determination, taking up auto driving to build independent lives and overcome family hardships.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

From tailoring units and hotel kitchens to office cubicles, their journeys began in very different places. Today, however, many of these women in Mysuru share one workplace: The driver's seat of an autorickshaw. In a profession long dominated by men, they are quietly carving out space for themselves, steering their lives with confidence and determination.

Among them are single mothers, former office employees and homemakers who chose the road as a path to dignity and independence. As they navigate the city's ever-busy streets in their autos, they are doing far more than ferrying passengers. They are confidently rewriting their own stories with grit, resilience and the courage to take charge of their lives.

'Auto driving has given us renewed hope'

Originally from Ballari, 54-year-old **M. Geetha** has won the goodwill of passengers in Mysuru after taking up the wheel of an electric autorickshaw. Living in Hinkal for the past five years, she had earlier worked as a cook, babysitter and even as a weekend spare driver for private cars. But when her husband became bedridden, Geetha took on the responsibility of running the household and chose auto driving as her profession.

She recalls that her earlier jobs brought little income. Her husband first underwent a bypass surgery that failed and later required a stent. Just as he was recovering, a car accident damaged his spinal cord, leaving him confined to bed for the past three years.

With no steady income and no flexibility to take leave during medical emergencies, Geetha turned to her long-held passion for driving. Though women of her generation were rarely encouraged to learn, she had quietly acquired the skill. Today it has become her livelihood.

Determined to start afresh, she approached fellow driver Sowmya and asked if she could be trained, even at the age of 54. Sowmya agreed and Geetha soon learned to handle an auto. She now owns an electric rickshaw purchased on loan and pays a monthly EMI of Rs. 5,600.

Driving nearly 120 km a day (over 7,000 km in just two months) she aims to earn about Rs. 1,000 daily. The income is carefully split into three parts: Electricity charges, EMI payments and savings, with any extra going towards household needs.

Passengers often add Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 above the meter, bringing her an additional Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 a day, which she puts aside as savings.

"My fellow drivers and passengers have been supportive, often guiding me when I am unfamiliar with an address. My daughter has completed her B.Com and wants to pursue an MBA. Driving an auto has carried my family through hardship and given us renewed hope."

Building a life of independence

N. Shobha, a resident of Hebbal (near Abhishek Circle) in city has traded her tailoring profession for the driver's seat of an autorickshaw to support her family. Driven by determination and a desire for independence, she chose auto driving as a way to earn a living on her own terms.

Reflecting on her decision, Shobha says working under others often meant facing scolding and humiliation despite putting in hard work. "Now it's my work, my vehicle and my time," she says with a sense of pride.

Her husband is employed and together they manage the household expenses. In the beginning, she drove a rented auto, but four months ago, she bought an electric rickshaw on loan and now pays a monthly EMI of Rs. 5,600. Driving nearly 100 km every day, she says, has helped her keep the family financially stable.

"I believe women cannot always depend on others for support, which is why more of them are stepping forward to work independently. Auto driving has given me freedom, satisfaction, confidence, dignity and the chance to truly build a life of my own."

Journey from a hotel steward

S. Nagaveni, a resident of Kumbarakoppal in Mysuru, has been driving an autorickshaw for the past two years, single-handedly supporting her three children after separating from her husband. Three months ago, she purchased an electric auto on loan and has already clocked nearly 8,800 km on the road.

Before taking up auto driving, Nagaveni worked as a steward in a hotel. The long and rigid work hours made it difficult to balance her responsibilities at home. She would send her children to school and rush to work, often arriving late and facing salary cuts.

When her husband suddenly left without explanation, the situation became even more challenging. With shifts ending as late as 10.30 pm and the struggle of returning home safely at night, she eventually decided to quit hotel work and look for a more flexible livelihood.

Determined to rebuild her life, she learned auto driving from fellow driver Sowmya. Today, the profession has become her lifeline.

After paying the rent for her house and her children's PG accommodation, she manages to earn around Rs. 400 to Rs. 500 a day. At the same time, she is paying a monthly EMI of Ra. 8,726 for the electric auto. The earnings help her clear old debts, pay school fees and meet the household expenses.

Nagaveni says the profession has brought her a sense of independence and dignity. More importantly, it has given her the strength to raise her children and rebuild her life with confidence.

"The most difficult time in my life was when my husband abandoned me. At one point, I even attempted to take my own life. The support I received from the Auto Team Savio Trust, however, helped me regain confidence and move forward."

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LADY DRIVERS...

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From office executive... Anitha's leap of faith

Anitha, a resident of Hebbal, once worked as an executive in a private company. Two years ago, she left the corporate world behind and chose to drive an autorickshaw, turning to self-employment in search of a more fulfilling livelihood.

She says the office environment never suited her. Despite working hard, she often felt her efforts went unrecognised, leaving her stressed and dissatisfied.

"I wanted to work independently," she explains. With members of her family already engaged in the auto trade, she sought their approval, learned to drive from fellow driver Sowmya and obtained her driving licence.

Today, she drives a rented auto, paying Rs. 200 a day to the owner and spending about Rs. 300 on fuel, while earning around Rs. 500 daily. Anitha says that while challenges exist for women in any profession, she has found encouragement from fellow drivers and passengers.

For Anitha, auto driving has brought peace of mind and a sense of satisfaction, a profession that offers her both dignity and independence.

"People in Mysuru treat women auto drivers like sisters. I usually work from 9 am to 7 pm, balancing my time between work and family. My daughter has completed her BBA and is currently pursuing B.Com."

Helping women at the wheel...

Savio Trust at Kalalawadi on H.D. Kote Road has provided 10 women with electric autorickshaws, each after a down payment of Rs. 83,000. Behind this initiative stands **S. Sowmya,** popularly known as **'Auto Rani,'** who is also the Mysuru District President of the Peace Auto and Taxi Association.

With 24 years of driving experience, Sowmya has already trained around 70 women to become auto drivers. Her goal is to inspire women to lead independent lives. When women in distress approach her, she offers free training to help them earn a livelihood and become independent.

Guided by this belief, Sowmya continues to train women who come seeking help, ensuring that auto driving becomes not just a profession, but a path to dignity and self reliance.

"We can give someone a meal, but that won't change their life. If we teach them a skill, they can build their future."

'Auto Rani' Sowmya teaching driving skills to lady auto drivers.

CM on 2-day district tour from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 27- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will be arriving in the city tomorrow (Mar.28) on a two-day tour of the district.

Siddaramaiah, who will land at Mysore Airport from Bengaluru at 3.25 pm tomorrow, will take part in the inauguration of new building of GC Sports Medicine Centre and Multi-Speciality Hospital located near St. Thomas School in Vishweswaranagar at 4 pm, following which he will attend the 'Avala Sadhane Sambhrama' programme organised at a Hotel in Metagalli on KRS Road at 5 pm. He will stay overnight in the city.

On Mar.29, the CM will receive guard of honour at the passing out parade of 46th batch of Probationary Police Sub-Inspectors (Civil) at the Parade Grounds of Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) at 8 am. He will leave for Bengaluru from Mysore Airport by a special flight at 3 pm, according to a press release.

BIMS Golden Jubilee valedictory tomorrow

Brigade Group Executive Chairman & BIMS alumnus M.R. Jaishankar to take part

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (KS)- The Department of Studies in Business Administration, B.N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences (BIMS), University of Mysore, will host the BIMS Golden Jubilee valedictory function tomorrow (Mar. 28), from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at the Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri.

The celebrations will reflect on a journey that began in 1974 under the visionary leadership of the University of Mysore and Prof. J.K. Irani.

As one of the earliest departments to introduce formal management education in the region, the Institute has grown exponentially over five decades and today, its alumni hold prestigious leadership positions in the corporate and business sectors across India and internationally.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath will address the gathering. Executive Chairman of Brigade Group and an alumnus of BIMS M.R. Jaishankar, Varsity Registrar M.K. Savitha, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. N. Nagaraja and others will be present.

The Department will formally launch its Alumni Association to bridge the Department's glorious past with its promising future, fostering mentorship and professional networking.

Professor D. Anand, who is retiring after serving for nearly four decades at BIMS, will be given a farewell on the occasion.

BIMS Chairman Dr. Mahesh Rajagopal, extending an invitation to all alumni across batches said, "It is a moment of immense pride and nostalgia. We look forward to celebrate this golden milestone together."

For more information on joining the Association and the event, e-mail: *mysunivmba.alumni@gmail.com*

Amrita's VisCom to host Cinerama-2026

Mysuru, Mar. 27- The Department of Visual Communication (VisCom), Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, is set to host the 8th National-level Short Film Festival, 'Cinerama-2026', on Apr. 9.

The Festival is a vibrant platform that celebrates storytelling and provides emerging filmmakers across the country an opportunity to showcase their creativity and cinematic vision.

The Festival features the following categories:

1. Open Category: Short films must not exceed 40 minutes (including title and credits). Films can be in English or any Indian language. Only films produced after Jan. 1, 2025 are eligible. Last date for submission is Mar. 30.

2. Amrita 60-Hour Filmmaking Challenge: Teams (maximum 5 members) will create a short film within 60 hours, beginning on Apr. 2 at 7.30 pm and concluding on Apr. 5 at 7.30 am. Last date for registration is Apr. 2 (10 am).

The shortlisted films will be screened at the Amrita Mysuru campus and winners will be awarded during the Festival. Prizes worth a total of Rs. 1,00,000 and more will be awarded.

Registrations are now open for all categories for participants across India. Interested participants may contact Shamika Srihari on Mob: 99725-42599 for registration and other queries.

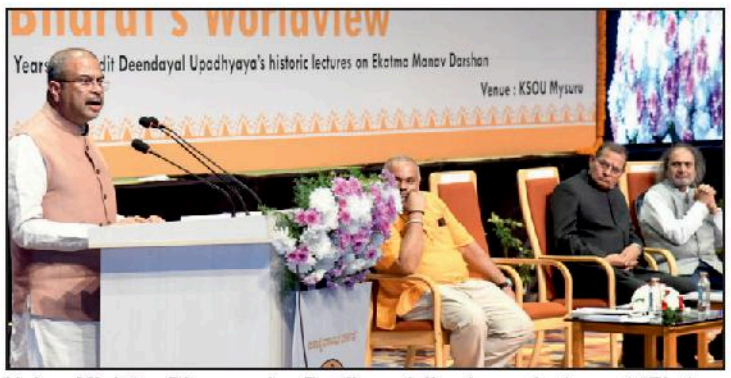
Nalwadi's reforms laid modern India's foundation: Union Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan delivers a special lecture at *'Ekatma Manav Darshan'*

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (VVH&BCT)- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan recalled the progressive legacy of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, particularly Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, noting that long before Independence, the Maharaja had introduced representative governance through the 'Praja Pratinidhi Sabha'.

He highlighted Nalwadi's contributions to the development of the region, including the establishment of educational institutions and major industries, the construction of the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, irrigation projects and several welfare initiatives for the poor.

Pradhan was delivering a special lecture at the three-day international conference titled 'Ekatma Manav Darshan - Bharat's World View' held at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall in city yesterday. He also noted that the Indian Institute of Science, founded under Nalwadi's patronage, played a key role



Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan delivering a lecture at 'Ekatma Manav Darshan' at KSOU Convocation Hall in city yesterday.

in shaping modern India.

The conference is being organised to mark 60 years of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) ideologue Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's lectures on 'Ekatma Manav Darshan' (Integral Humanism) from Mar. 25 to 27. It is being held in collaboration with Prajna Pravah, Karnataka and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation.

Model of India's vision

Dharmendra Pradhan said Mysuru had pioneered several practices that were later adopted nationally, including urban cleanliness, planned roads, parks and civic infrastructure in Mysuru and Bengaluru. Nalwadi's reign also saw the growth of intellectual movements through universities, along with initiatives in environmental protection, sanitation and women's empowerment. "Today, Mysuru stands as a model for India's vision," he said.

He added that India's philosophical policies, social reforms, economic models and political traditions drew inspiration from Mysuru's governance.

"The country's cultural and intellectual heritage, reflected in the teachings of Basavanna, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi, Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Deendayal Upadhyaya, continues to influence national thought. Upadhyaya's Ekatma Manav Darshan recognised the holistic nature of humanity and has inspired several Central Government programmes," he noted.

NEP-2020

Pradhan reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to make India a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. He also criticised the lingering influence of Macaulay's colonial education system, saying it continued to affect India even after Independence.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, he said, emphasises learning in regional languages and seeks to Indianise the education system.

"Indian thought is a continuous stream of knowledge that adapts to changing times while remaining rooted in an ancient civilisation," he said.

Researcher Dr. M.S. Chaitra said India's educational foundation lies in the *guru-shishya* tradition and stressed the need to Indianise institutions on that basis. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse and Trustee M. Madan Gopal of the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation were also present.

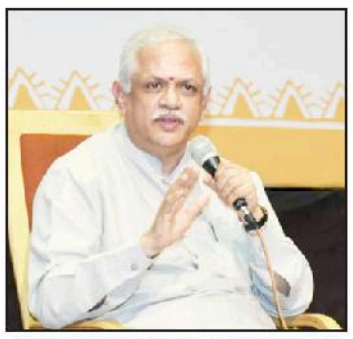
Shun western mindset, embrace Indian model of thinking: B.L. Santosh

Mysuru, Mar.27(BLU&DM)- "While English, science and technology are essential, we must move away from Western thinking, Western lifestyle and Western mindset and instead adopt our own model of thought and way of life," said BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) B.L. Santosh.

He was speaking at a panel discussion on 'Philosophy to Policy: Contemporary Geopolitics, Economic and Civilisational Challenges' on the concluding day of the three-day conference 'Ekatma Manav Darshan - Bharat's World View' at KSOU Convocation Hall this morning.

Santosh said India's model of thinking could serve as an example for the world and cautioned against blindly copying Western ideas and lifestyles at a time when Indian thought stood distinct from the rest of the world.

"Our erstwhile rulers embodied both the qualities of a 'Raja' (ruler) and a 'Rishi' (saint) and were therefore called 'Rajarshis'. The contributions of these 'Rajarshis' continue to benefit society even today, as we enjoy the foundations laid by them. In that sense, Indian governance can be considered a model. Our country is rich in culture and traditions, and these must be preserved," Santosh said.



BJP National General Secretary B.L. Santosh addressing the gathering at KSOU this morning.

Speaking on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Santosh said the policy had been carefully drafted after extensive consultations with subject experts, policymakers and other stakeholders.

"However, it is unfortunate that some non-BJP ruled States have introduced their own State Education Policies (SEPs), disregarding the NEP, which has long-term benefits for the country, merely to oppose the Centre," he said.

Santosh added that 'Ekatma Manav Darshan' is a philosophy rooted in Indian thought, spirituality and sociology, which seeks to achieve balance and harmony between the individual, society and nature.

Prof. K.V. Raju, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and Economic Advisor to the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, event co-convenor Dr. Puneeth Raj were present while MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MP Prathap Simha, City BJP President L. Nagendra, District President K.N. Subbanna and others were among the audience.

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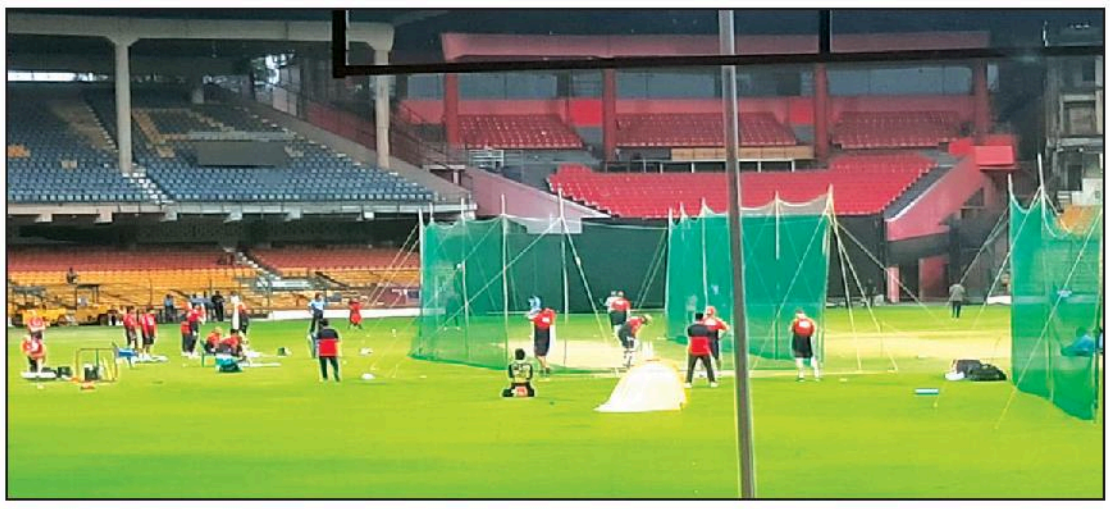
IPL Season-19

RCB to start title defence against SRH

- 2,000 security personnel to stand guard at Chinnaswamy Stadium
- Special transportation arrangements in place for cricket fans



RCB players gearing up for their opening IPL clash against SRH at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, this morning.

Bengaluru, Mar. 27 (Agencies)- The opening match of Season 19 of Indian Premier League (IPL) will witness defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) taking on Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here tomorrow at 7.30 pm.

RCB has entered a new chapter under fresh ownership. It is now owned by Aditya Birla Group, in partnership with The Times of India Group, Bolt Ventures and Blackstone.

Last year, when RCB broke its long-standing jinx and lifted the IPL trophy, the celebrations turned tragic. A stampede outside the stadium marred the jubilation, leaving eleven fans dead and authorities scrambling for answers.

Since then, gates have been restructured, crowd control tightened and emergency protocols improved. One hopes the lessons have been internalised; tomorrow night, fans can cheer without fear and perhaps even enjoy a modicum of dignity alongside the excitement.

Special plaque

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) also unveiled a special plaque in memory of 11 RCB fans who lost their lives in last year's stampede. Meanwhile, RCB has also decided to leave 11 empty chairs permanently at the stadium as a tribute to the departed souls.

Addressing the media persons yesterday, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh said, "2,000 security personnel including the Police, Home Guards and Civil Defence will be deployed at Chinnaswamy Stadium to ensure smooth conduct of the match."

"The number of entry and exit points has been increased to avoid commotion. While there were 22 entry and exit points, it has now been increased to about 45. Ambulances and fire tenders will be stationed at the stadium apart from setting up medical triage centres," he added. Seemanth Kumar Singh also urged the cricket fans to make use of public transportation to reach the stadium as BMRCL and BMTC had made special arrangements.

Opening thriller!

On the field, Chinnaswamy remains a batsman's paradise. Flat, fast and short of boundaries — the ball flies as if gravity itself is taking a holiday. Tosses matter, yes, but a clever bowler or a brilliant shot can change the game in a matter of overs.

RCB's batting is anchored by Virat Kohli, the consummate craftsman, whose footwork, timing and ability to accelerate at will make him a nightmare for bowlers. Phil Salt and Tim David are the express trains at the top — take your helmet off and you might get flattened!

Rajat Patidar and Venkatesh Iyer offer solidity in the middle order, able to absorb pressure and shift gears as the situation demands. Jitesh Sharma combines wicket-keeping with the temperament to finish innings, while Krunal Pandya and Romario Shepherd are the X-factors, capable of changing matches with bat or ball.

The bowling department has to compensate for Yash Dayal's absence and Josh Hazlewood's unavailability, placing additional responsibility on Bhuvneshwar Kumar's experience and the youthful exuberance of Nuwan Tushara and Suyash Sharma to deliver early breakthroughs and keep runs in check.

Sunrisers Hyderabad, led by Ishan Kishan, counter with a potent mix of aggression and unpredictability. The opening duo of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma can set the stadium alight in a matter of overs. Heinrich Klaasen, at No. 3, combines power with improvisation, while Liam Livingstone, Nitish Reddy, and Aniket Verma can play the big shots in the middle and lower middle order, accelerating the innings when required.

The absence of Pat Cummins leaves a gap in the bowling attack, placing pressure on Jaydev Unadkat and Brydon Carse to provide early strikes, while Harshal Patel and Harsh Dubey must control the scoring in the middle overs.

Zeeshan Ansari, as the designated impact player, could be the difference if he finds form early. The team's success depends on finding rhythm with the ball and backing their explosive batting to chase or set imposing totals.

In short, the season opener is more than cricket. It is money, emotion, management, spectacle and history colliding in one arena. RCB's settled lineup, home advantage and depth in bowling give them a marginal edge, but SRH's firepower ensures a contest worth watching. Execution, temperament and a little luck will decide who starts the season on the right foot.

24th Senior Para-Athletic Meet

Bharathi wins gold, bronze

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (VNS)- City's para-athlete B. Bharathi representing Karnataka at the 24th senior athletic meet held at Kalinga Stadium in Odisha recently won a gold and a bronze medal.

Taking part in the senior para-athletic meet for first time, Bharathi, won gold in 100 mts sprint and bronze medal in the long jump in T37 category.

A first year B.Com student at GSSS Simha Subbamahalakshmi First Grade College in city, Bharathi is the elder daughter of Bharathesh and Usha, residents of Metagalli.

B. Bharathi

Basketball Champions

SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (MFGC) Men's Basketball team emerged as the winners in the University of Mysore Inter-Collegiate Chamaraja Zone Basketball Tournament 2025-26 organised by SBRR MFGC in city recently. Seen in the picture are** (sitting from left) **Physical Education Director P.S. Madhusudhana, Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Mahajana Education Society Hon. Secretary Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, CEO Dr. S.R. Ramesh and Physical Education Director Dr. H.N. Bhaskar with** (standing from left) **Ullas, Umesh Gowda, Darshan, Suman, Prakruth Kumar, Ronak and K. Somashekara.

Winners in softball tournament

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Lokayukta B-report in MUDA sites case

High Court issues urgent notices to CM, his wife

Renewed spotlight on site allotment process, controversial closure report

Siddaramaiah

B.M. Parvathi

Bengaluru, Mar. 27 (Agencies)- The Karnataka High Court has issued urgent notices to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi, his brother-in-law Mallikarjunaswamy, land owner Devaraj, the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the Karnataka Lokayukta and others.

The notices have been issued in connection with a petition challenging the acceptance of the Lokayukta's 'B-report' in the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 site allotment case.

Hearing a petition filed by Mysuru-based RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna yesterday, Justice S. Sunil Dutt Yadav took note of the challenge to the closure report and directed that notices be issued to all respondents. The case has been posted for further hearing after the respondents file their replies.

Legal and procedural lapses

The petitioner has contended that the 'B-report,' which effectively closes the case citing lack of prosecutable evidence, suffers from serious legal and procedural lapses. According to the plea, key aspects of the case were either overlooked or inadequately examined during the investigation conducted by the Mysuru Lokayukta.

Seeking the Court's intervention, the petition has urged that the 'B-report' be set aside and a fresh, independent investigation be ordered, preferably by an agency such as the Enforcement Directorate or another competent authority, to ensure transparency and accountability.

Detailed judicial examination

The controversy relates to alleged irregularities in the allotment of sites by the MUDA, now renamed as Mysuru Development Authority (MDA). The case has drawn significant political attention due to the alleged links of individuals associated with the ruling establishment.

Legal observers noted that the High Court's decision to issue notices to multiple agencies and high-profile individuals indicates that the matter has moved beyond preliminary scrutiny and will undergo detailed judicial examination.

With the Court stepping in, the developments are expected to intensify scrutiny of the MUDA site allotment process, even as the respondents prepare to defend the Lokayukta's findings in the coming hearings.

It may be recalled that RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna had earlier filed a private complaint before the Special Court for Public Representatives in Bengaluru against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his wife B.M. Parvathi, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, Tahsildar, Sub-Registrar and other officials. The complaint alleged that documents were forged to claim compensation from MUDA.

According to the complaint, the CM, his wife and certain officials colluded to acquire 3.16 acres of land at Devanur-Kesare and allegedly created fake documents. The same land was later used to obtain 14 prime sites in Vijayanagar's Third and Fourth Stages in Mysuru under the MUDA's 50:50 allotment scheme.

Mobile tower for just Rs. 265 rent!

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In comparison, leasing space on a prime MUDA commercial building for just Rs. 265 per month has triggered serious questions over the decision.

MUDA probe report gathering dust

Months have passed since the one-member Judicial Commission headed by Justice P.N. Desai submitted its report on alleged irregularities in the MUDA to the State Government. Yet, the findings remain under wraps, with no visible action taken so far.

Despite the inquiry reportedly examining irregularities running into thousands of crores of rupees, the report is yet to be made public or acted upon. Officials note that several Commission reports submitted to Governments over the years have similarly remained pending without follow-up action.

The MUDA probe now appears to have joined that list of inquiries awaiting a decision. The delay has drawn criticism from citizens, who say prolonged inaction on such reports weakens accountability and public confidence in institutions.

'Free internet' claim cited to justify mobile tower deal

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (BLU&BCT)- In justifying the token rent of Rs. 265, former MUDA Commissioner Dinesh Kumar reportedly stated that the private telecom company would provide free internet services to the public.

However, the claim has raised doubts. Telecom operators have steadily increased tariffs in recent years, with a handful of dominant players controlling the market and periodically revising internet charges. In such a scenario, the promise of free internet appears unlikely, casting questions over the justification cited for the arrangement.

The matter has now reached Mysuru Development Authority Commissioner K.R. Rakshith, who has directed officials to trace the file. However, the file is reportedly missing, adding to concerns over record-keeping of several approvals during the period.

The development has further intensified scrutiny of decisions taken during Dinesh Kumar's tenure, with the mobile tower lease emerging as yet another issue under the scanner.

Do not panic buy fuel, appeal petroleum dealers

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"We have uninterrupted support from the Government of India, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and oil marketing companies, including HP, IndianOil and Bharat Petroleum. There is no scarcity and we are receiving stocks a week in advance as per our requirements," Shashikala Nagaraj said.

She added that dealers are working to ensure smooth and continuous availability of fuel and urged the public not to indulge in panic buying or hoarding.

"People should not believe fake reports circulating on social media. Panic buying and storing fuel in cans is unsafe and illegal," she said, warning that fuel stored in unsafe containers can pose a serious fire hazard, especially if kept inside homes. "There is no cause for concern. Supplies are normal and continuous," Shashikala said. Federation of Mysore Petroleum Traders Executive Committee Member Bhagawan, BPCL Dealers' Assn. President Lokesh, IndianOil Dealers' Assn. President Ranjith Hegde, Federation State President Basavegowda and Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Dealers' Assn. President Manoj Kumar were present.

Centre slashes excise duties on petrol, diesel

New Delhi, Mar. 27 (Agencies)- The Central Government has reduced the additional excise duties on petrol and diesel amid global energy crisis due to the ongoing US-Israel war on Iran and Tehran's moves to restrict shipping through Strait of Hormuz.

The excise duty on petrol has been reduced from Rs. 13 per litre to Rs. 3 per litre, according to a Government notification. The excise duty on diesel has been slashed from Rs. 10 per litre to nil.

However, industry sources say the reduction is unlikely to translate into lower prices at fuel stations for most consumers as the cut will likely be absorbed by oil marketing companies to offset heavy losses on pump sales.

Global crude prices have risen by almost 50 percent since the United States and Israel launched military strikes against Iran on Feb. 28, triggering sweeping retaliation from Tehran.

The Strait of Hormuz is a vital global energy artery, through which roughly a fifth of the world's seaborne oil and gas flowed before the conflict, about 20 to 25 million barrels of crude and nearly 10 billion cubic feet of gas daily.

It is a crucial supply route for India, with an estimated 40-50 percent of its crude imports, around 2.2 to 2.8 million barrels per day, traditionally passing through the corridor.

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Notification Number: DAMH/CW/T-36/2025-26 Date: 23.03.2026

On behalf of the Governor, Government of Karnataka, the department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Mysuru has invited the Service tender for the works of **DAMH/2025-26/SE0029 (Call-4)** under the Service Tender. Tender documents can be obtained through **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)** e-portal from date **24.03.2026** onwards.

Last date and time of any Queries for tender	**02.04.2026, 17.00 hrs**
Last date and time of tender submission	**08.04.2026, 16.00 hrs**
Opening of Date and Time of Technical bid	**10.04.2026, 16.30 hrs**
Opening of Date and Time of Financial bid	**13.04.2026, 11.00 hrs**

Sd/- Commissioner
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WALK IN INTERVIEW

A Walk-in-Interview is scheduled on **28th March 2026** between 12.00pm and 1.30pm for the post of **Senior Research Fellow (Ayurveda)** at the above address, for the project funded by CCRAS, New Delhi.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Libertine

Pronunciation: LIB-er-teen (noun).
Meaning: A libertine is in broad terms a person who is unrestrained by convention or morality. More narrowly, the word describes someone who leads an immoral life.
Origin: "I only ask to be free," says Mr. Skimpole in Charles Dickens' Bleak House. His words would undoubtedly have appealed to the world's first libertines. The word libertine comes from the Latin lībertīnus, a word used in early writings of Roman antiquity to describe a formerly enslaved person who had been set free (the Roman term for an emancipated person was the Latin lībertus). Middle English speakers used libertine to refer to a freedman, but by the late 1500s its meaning was extended to freethinkers, both religious and secular, and it later came to imply that an individual was a little too unrestrained, especially in moral affairs. The likely Latin root of libertine is līber, the ultimate source of our word liberty.
Example: "As horrifying as some of the sins of Victorian scholarship may have been, it would have been anathema to these students of classical philosophy to simply throw out Plato. But that's what some of their modern inheritors have tried to do. ... It's worth noting that we might not have Plato's work at all, were it not carefully studied and preserved by the Islamic scholars (hardly libertines themselves) of the medieval period." — R. Bruce Anderson, The Ledger (Lakeland, Florida), 1 Feb. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Lambrequin

Drapery over a window or doorway; veil over a helmet.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A labour of love

Meaning: Work undertaken for the pleasure of it or for the benefit of a loved one.
Origin: This phrase has a biblical origin and appears in Thessalonians and Hebrews (King James Version). Thessalonians 1:2, 1:3 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Hebrews 6:10: For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Shakespeare didn't use the expression 'labour of love' in any of his works but it is possible that the writers of the KJV were familiar with his play Love's Labours Lost, 1588, and that they adapted the expression from that title.

QUOTE BOX

To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.— **Oscar Wilde**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: End on a high note.

SUDOKU

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		9	1		2	4		
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Answer to previous puzzle

3	2	8	7	6	1	9	4	5
7	6	5	4	9	3	2	1	8
4	9	1	2	5	8	6	3	7
6	1	4	8	3	7	5	9	2
2	7	9	5	4	6	3	8	1
8	5	3	9	1	2	7	6	4
1	3	2	6	8	5	4	7	9
5	4	6	1	7	9	8	2	3
9	8	7	3	2	4	1	5	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Thai river
4 Atmospheric Press. Ionisation
7 New Zealand parrot
10 Not have a ___ : be ignorant or incompetent?
12 Chinese principle
13 Goes astray
15 "The Lost Symbol" author (3,5)
17 Biryani base
18 Resistance unit
19 Light sailing-vessel
20 Elton John's instrument
23 Ship's bottom
25 Cause friction
26 Canadian capital
29 A black European beetle
30 Downs' counterparts
31 Spanish queen
33 Olympic gold medallist ___ Chopra
36 Sampras of tennis
37 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
38 A wild card
39 Vice ___ : the inverse?
42 Something to spend in Afghanistan
43 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
44 Robbery
49 Capital of Shaanxi province, China
50 International Standard Atmosphere
51 Star Wars character
52 Unit of work or energy in physics
53 Scotland's longest river
54 Purpose or goal to strive for

DOWN
1 A corporate debt instrument in short
2 In the style of (1,2)
3 Member of a sisterhood
4 Power source
5 Animal's foot
6 Charged atom
7 South Indian state
8 Clapton of music
9 Building structure
11 Hard wood
14 Game, __ and match to... : the winner in tennis?
16 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
19 Up to now
20 Primary Flight Display
21 Common metal
22 Swiss river - change of "area"?
23 Low South African hill
24 Aliens?
27 Seven days
28 Poker opener
30 Abu Dhabi locale
32 Ireland's ___ Lingus
34 Making more comfortable?
35 Required Time of Arrival
36 Tom Sawyer's aunt
38 Earthenware container
39 Annoy
40 Historic canal
41 The back end
42 Entreat or beg
44 A tiny amount
45 North American nation
46 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
47 Radio Direction Indicator, acronym
48 Edible tuber

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

■	D	U	D	■	P	O	P	■	R	O	M	■
P	U	R	I	■	I	P	O	■	E	R	O	S
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Y	S	L	■	G	E	N	■	T	A	L	K	S
■	■	■	B	O	A	■	B	I	T	■	■	■
■	I	D	A	■	P	R	A	L	I	N	E	■
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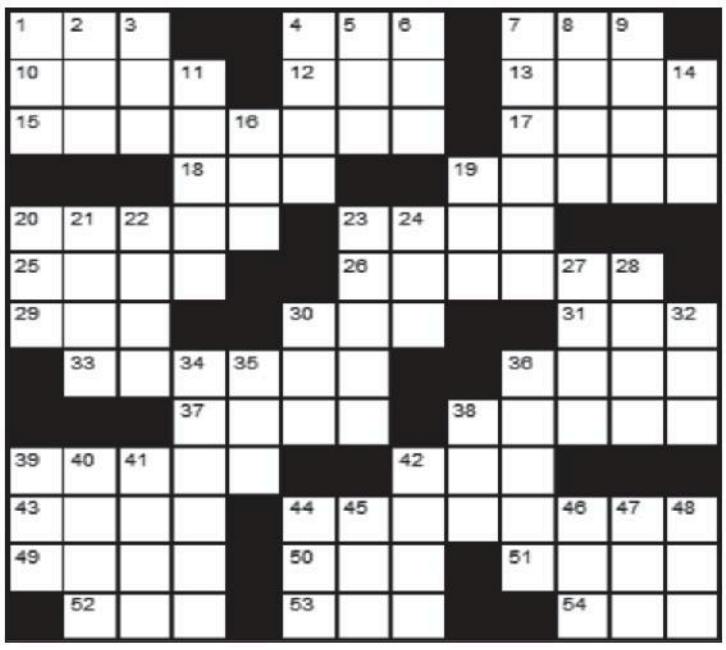


CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

B OYJL WRBNG YQ B TIZJGBYJ IT CVBLJRQQ, EBOYJC

RDRNXGWYJC YJ YGQ DYMYJYGX TNRQWRJ YJGI QEYVRQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS G

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: What breaks in a moment may take years to mend.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Ustaad Bhagat Singh (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Love Mocktail - 3 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Ayudha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Youth (Ta) - 2 Shows; *Ustaad Bhagat Singh (Te)* - 2 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  O'Romeo (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	(S-1)	9.00 am, 1.30 pm, 6.00 pm
	(S-4)	8.00 am, 12.35 pm, 5.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm
Youth (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10.30 am, 3.00 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	11.00 am, 3.30 pm, 12.30 pm, 5.00 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Happy Raj (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Janmadaathe (K)	:	10.15 am

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	8.00 am, 8.15 am, 8.40 am, 9.15 am, 12.45 pm, 1.00 pm 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm, 5.45 pm 9.15 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10. 30 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	:	9.00 am, 5.15 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.10 am, 12.45 pm, 3.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	1.45 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	2.00 pm, 10.20 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	:	4.40 pm
They Will Kill You (E)	:	8.05 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 9.40 am, 11.55 am, 1.00 pm, 5.15 pm, 5.45 pm 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (K)	:	4.45 pm
Prathichaya (Ma)	:	1.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	2.25 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	7.15 am, 8.15 am, 9.10 am, 12.00 pm, 1 pm, 4.45 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10 am, 1.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	12.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	3.50 pm
Happy Raj (Te)	:	10.00 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	8.15 am, 12.00 pm, 1.00 pm, 4.45 pm 5.45 pm, 10.30 pm,
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	:	9.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	7.25 pm, 10.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

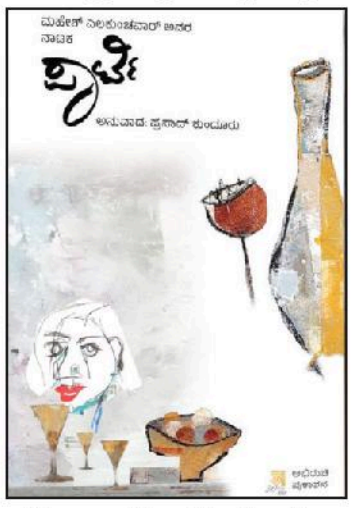
EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 27)

- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** Architectural Exhibition featuring the works of celebrated South African architect Peter Rich titled 'Landscape Architecture - Architecture Landscape,' JCAC Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **up to 7 pm.**
- **DoS in Philosophy, Swami Vivekananda Chair, Manasagangothri:** Valedictory of 2-day National Seminar on 'The Place of Hindu Philosophy in the World Thought'; Regional Institute of Education (RIE) Professor and Principal Prof. Pradyumna Kumar Sethy delivers valedictory address, retired Visiting Professor of Swami Vivekananda Chair Prof. V.N. Sheshagiri Rao presides, DoS in Philosophy Chairman and Professor Dr. M. Daniel and Swami Vivekananda Chair Visiting Professor Dr. S. Venkatesh will be present, EMRC, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**
- **Vidyavardhaka Law College (VVLC):** VVLC 1st National-level Moot Court Competition-2026, Prof. M.K. Ramesh, retd. Professor of Law, NLSIU, Bengaluru, inaugurates, Gundappa Gowda, President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), presides, P. Vishwanath, Secretary, VVS, Shreeshail Ramannavar, Treasurer, VVS and S. Shivalingaiah, Chairman, CMC, VVLC, Prof. P.M. Chikkaboraiah Hall, College premises, Sheshadri Iyer Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET) and Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF):** World Theatre Day 2026 celebrations, event features a special focus on noted actor Willem Dafoe, whose World Theatre Day message will be presented during the event, talk on Willem Dafoe by Prof. Krishanaprasad, reading of the official message by Kitty Mandanna, coordinated play reading led by Shashidhara Dongre, special address on the relevance of theatre in today's society by Amit Reddy, English play reading coordinated by Nima Manjrekar, IIET premises, Hardwicke School Campus, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 96868-92255]
- **Sadvidya Educational Institutions, Mysuru:** Ramotsava Cultural Programme, Music Feature 'Sri Rama Pattabhisheka' by Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, directed by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Institutions premises, N.S. Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Ramanavami, Bhajans by Sri Sita Rama Bhajana Mandali, **6 pm to 8 pm;** Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana Programme, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **8.45 pm.**
- **Prajnana Mission:** Talk on 'Kriya Yoga, Sringeri Mutt, Agrahara, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, special musical feature 'Sunada Gana Sri Ramamrutha Paana' by all-women ensemble consisting of 14 senior artistes, conceptualised and directed by Guru, Sangeetha Vidushi, G.N. Nagamani Srinath, Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore North and Rotary Mysore Elite:** Joint Meeting, lecture on 'Water, Sanitation and Cleanliness' by Dr. V. Jagannath, retd. ISRO Scientist, Rtn. N.S. Mahadevaswamy, President, Rotary Mysore Elite, will be present, Rtn. M. Chandrashekar, President, Rotary Mysore North, presides, Rotary Bhavan, Vijayanagar Railway Layout, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** 7th Ramothsava, Devaranama by Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra, accompanied by Vid. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga, Vid. Tumkur Yashaswee on violin, Vid. Nagaraj on tabla and Vid. H.L. Ananthakrishna Swamy on rhythm pad, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm;** Felicitation to spiritual writer L.N. Shastry, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Classical Music by Vidu. Sooryagayathri & Party, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Layanada Taranga Sangeetha by Vid. Dr. M.R. Hanumantaraju and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 28)

- **Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC):** Architectural Exhibition featuring the works of celebrated South African architect Peter Rich titled 'Landscape Architecture - Architecture Landscape,' JCAC Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **The Trio & the Books & Brews Library:** 2nd edition of Fresh Look at Feminism, conversations & introspections on 'Unlearning Behaviours,' Phoenix International Academy premises, next to Mandovi Motors, KRS Road, **4 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-925, M. Shashidhara Dongre, Engineer, L&T Technology Services, Mysuru, narrates story about Famous Oceanic Adventures, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097]
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru and Abhiruchi Prakashana:** Releasing of the book 'Party,' a play written by Mahesh Elkunchwar and translated by Prasad Kundur; Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy, Chidambara Rao Jambe, Jayanth Kaikini, D.S. Chougale, Satish Tiptur and Abhiruchi Ganesh will be present, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **5 pm.**
- **Ganavisharada Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 110th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. Rahul Vellal, accompanied by Vid. Vaibhav Ramani on violin, Vid. Vinod Shyam Anoor on mridanga and Vid. Sunaad Anoor on khanjira, Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira, N.S. Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 136th year Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2026, Classical Music by Vid. Ramakrishnan Murthy, accompanied by Vid. Sai Rakshith on violin and Vid. Delhi Sai Ram on mridanga, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 73rd Annual Sri Ramotsava, Bhajans by Shivaranjani Bhajana Mandali, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Vid. Manasa Nayana, Mysuru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar:** Sri Ramanavami, Sri Rama Taraka Homa, Sri Anjaneya Homa; Veena-Flute-Violin Concert by Vidu. Dr. Veena Ravikumar, Vidu. Dr. Vanisethu Madhavan and Vid. M.G. Narahari, Sri Rama Mandira, Jayanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** 7th Ramothsava, Devaranama by Yashaswini Mahila Sangha, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, **6.30 pm;** Lecture on 'Ramayanadalli Hanumanthana Patra' by Dr. Veena Bannanje, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

Book release; staging of play



Mysuru, Mar. 27- Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru and Abhiruchi Prakashana have jointly organised a programme at Vanaranga in Rangayana premises tomorrow (Mar. 28) at 5 pm, for the release of the book titled 'Party,' a play written by Mahesh Elkunchwar and translated by Prasad Kundur.

Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy, Chidambara Rao Jambe, Jayanth Kaikini, D.S. Chougale, Satish Tiptur and Abhiruchi Ganesh will be present on the occasion.

Staging of play: The play 'Party' will be staged at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises from Apr. 3 to 5 at 7 pm. For details and tickets, contact Mob: 99802-73167 or 96110-74424.

Bhagwan Mahaveer Jayanti celebrations

Mysuru, Mar. 27- The District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Bhagwan Mahaveer Jayantotsava Samiti have jointly organised Bhagwan Mahaveer Jayanti at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Mar. 30 at 11.30 am. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the event. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will preside. Kambanahalli Jain Mutt Sri Kshetra's Swastisri Bhanukeerthi Bhattaraka Bhattacharyavarya Swamiji will grace the occasion. Senior writer Prof. S. Shivarajappa will deliver a lecture.

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